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LONDON, March 29.—It is very doubtful if any progress will be made this season in regard to the eight-hour movement. Legislators are for the most part chary of it, the country is not ready for it, and the movement itself cannot be said to be popular.

In certain branches of labor, especially in mining, an eight-hour law might be available and promote the welfare of the men, but in any employment such a law would be felt to be a distinct interference with the rights of the working classes. As a mass the latter do not regard the movement with much favor and a few of their representatives are agitating with a view of its accomplishment.

The few members of parliament who have undertaken to further the movement have but little real influence, that of Lord Randolph Churchill, one of its pronounced promoters, having decidedly waned since his recent attack upon the government. It is felt that a vigorous movement in favor of eight hours as a working day would be a grand thing and would do much to aid the condition of the working classes, but a compulsory law would work untold evil, and carry much distress in its train.

Modifications of the bill are being considered by many labor representatives, who are endeavoring to solve the question of how to benefit some without harming others. Mr. Cunningham Graham intends when the London and North-western railway bill comes up for a second reading, to move for an instruction to the committee on the bill to insert a clause limiting the hours of labor to eight hours per day, but not excluding working in shifts if 800 hours. Mining and mining are two employments in which the measure can easily be applied, as the arduous and trying nature of the work renders it impossible for a man to fatiguedly perform more than eight hours consecutive labor. It is in cases like these that the promoters expect first to launch the movement and extend its application as necessity and opportunity arise.

LETTER FROM SIBERIA.

Will Petition the Czar, and Expect to Suffer For It.

KANSAS CITY, March 29.—Mr. George Kennan has received from Paris a letter written by Miss Mary Tserikova, the lady who has just been exiled to Siberia for having written a letter which was mysteriously attached to the czar's private apartments, and which was said by the Russian police to contain threats against the czar's life.

Miss Tserikova wrote Mr. Kennan that she intended to petition the czar, and expected to suffer severely for the act. She enclosed a copy of the petition. It is simply a vivid description of the condition of the Russian people, and an appeal for reforms. It contains no threats against the czar, but warns him that the state of this which exists in Russia is a sure to produce dangerous disorders.

Mr. Kennan supposes that Miss Tserikova went to St. Petersburg soon after writing him. He describes her as a talented writer and a frequent contributor to Russian magazines. She has been known as a life risk, but not a revolutionist. She is about 40 years old, and a woman of great force of character.

Four Arrests.

PARIS, March 29.—A letter from Siberia received here states that three men and a woman were arrested for writing an appeal to the Russian people complaining of the conduct of Ostchekin in the Yakutsk affair. The prisoners will probably be sentenced to death.

GENERAL VON CAPRIVI

Succeeds Count Herbert Bismarck as Imperial Minister.

BERLIN, March 29.—Herr Von Alvensleben declined the office of imperial secretary for foreign affairs.

In the lower house of the Prussian diet, Wednesday, March 29, Count Herbert Bismarck's resignation of the office of imperial foreign minister, and the appointment of himself (Gen. Von Caprivi) to succeed him.

It is stated that Gen. Von Caprivi is only temporarily Prussian foreign minister.

The farewell audience between the emperor and Prince Bismarck was held Wednesday morning. The interview lasted three-quarters of an hour.

The Reichs-archivist, in announcing Prince Bismarck's farewell with the emperor, remarks for the prince the title of Duke of Lauenburg.

At a sitting of the Prussian council Wednesday Gen. Von Caprivi took the oath as president of the council.

Count Herbert Bismarck goes to England after a short stay at Friedrichsruhe.

The emperor permits Prince Bismarck to retain the title of prince, with that of Duke of Lauenburg as a second distinction. The prince will still be addressed as serene highness.

NEWS FROM CHINA AND JAPAN.

Big Fires—Battles on the Island of Sumatra—Mutily.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—Advice from China and Japan by the steamer City of Peking state that on Feb. 27 about 1,500 Japanese houses were burned in Tokyo, and seventy-eight others partially destroyed. Two persons were killed and twenty-five injured.

On Feb. 28, 187 houses were burned in Tokyo, and on March 5 and 6 were destroyed. The fires were all of accidental origin.

Several Executions.

Several serious encounters between Dutch troops and a party of Chinese are reported. The former met with severe losses. A party of Dutch convicts while trying to clear a jungle were fired on from ambush. A detachment of troops was driven back next day with nine wounded and on March 5 Lieut. Muller was killed and Capt. Van Heest was also shot, several men being severely wounded. These encounters occurred on the island of Sumatra on Jan. 6 and 8. Several on each side were killed.

Disturbances on shipboard.

The Singapore Free Press of Jan. 30 contains an account of the disturbance on board the ship, the coolies bound for Dell. The vessel was the Chow Chow. A German steamer which left Amoy and Levatow with about 250 coolies on board. Four days off Singapore trouble arose among the crew, and they demanded to be brought into Singapore. The coolies struck weapons on the deck, and attempted to set fire to the ship. The captain, officers and others of the crew were driven on the bridge. It was feared the coolies would murder

every European, set fire to the ship, take to the boats and escape.

Accounts differ as to how the difficulties were met. One says thirty men were stationed on deck and a number of others manning the guns. Another account says the captain agreed to the coolies' request to make for Liverpool, but instead of doing so ran into Row, and sought protection of the Dutch man-of-war Prinz Hendrik. Twenty soldiers were put on board the Chow Chow, and twenty-seven of the ring-leaders were secured and put in the war ship.

Foreign Notes.

Stanley has finished his new book. The Glasgow dockmen's strike has collapsed.

A violent earthquake shock was felt in Fresno, N. Cal., last night.

Emu Pacha will leave Zoubar for Egypt April 3. He will not visit Europe.

The industrial exposition at Yokohama has been opened in person by the Mikado.

The merchant-ship of Kiel's ship yards at Lubeck was destroyed by fire Monday evening.

The statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows an increase in specie of 5,545,000 marks.

The Republican and Monarchist leaders are urging President Carnot to release the Duke of Orleans.

Emperor William has decorated Count Herbert Bismarck with the collar and order of Hohenzollern.

It is reported that Count Kulevsky, the Austro-Hungarian prime minister, will soon retire from office.

The Emperor of Russia says that the emperor will endeavor to maintain a permanent amicable relations with the party leaders of the Reichstag.

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KANSAS FARMERS

Resolutions Adopted By the Alliance Conference.

United States Senator John J. Ingalls "Roasted."

What Has He Ever Done In the Interest of the Agricultural and Laboring Element of Kansas?—Not a Political Organization—South Carolina Farmers' Association Convention.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 29.—The following is an outline of the resolutions adopted by the farmers' alliance conference in session here.

First—Demanding legislative enactment appropriating the shrinkage of farm values, that are under mortgage obligations by reason of a contraction of the circulating medium or other causes, to be paid to the mortgagee and the mortgagees in proportion to their respective interests at the time the mortgage was drawn.

Second—Demanding that congress appoint a committee to investigate the original bill relating to National bonds, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the word "for" was inserted, and the word "rather" substituted, making the bonds payable with the premium of 20 or 25 per cent.

Third—Demanding the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

Fourth—Demanding the election of railroad commissioners by direct vote of the people, and that they be given plenary powers to regulate rates as is now the law in Iowa.

Fifth—Demanding that an amendment to the state constitution be submitted to the people allowing the legislative assembly to elect a commission on bonds, occupied by the owners from tax on, and that a cumulative system of taxation be levied on lands held for speculative purposes by non residents, in proportion to the increase of valuation.

Sixth—Recommending the organization by the alliance of a lecture tour, which shall provide lectures for the better education of the members of the order.

Seventh—Recommending that the taxes paid by railroads built by the aid of county bonds, be part of the county school funds, and where townships have been bonded, taxes accruing should be divided among the school districts of the townships.

The eighth resolution is as follows: "Notwithstanding the fact that John J. Ingalls has represented Kansas for eighteen years in the United States senate, it is a difficult matter for his constituents to point to a single measure he has ever championed in the interest of the great agricultural and laboring element of Kansas, and we will not support him by our votes or influence, any candidate for his place who favors his reelection to the United States senate."

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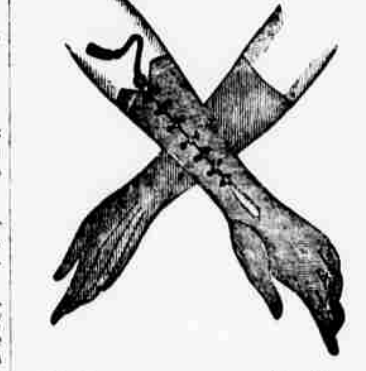
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